(b) State-wise details of crop area affected, as reported by the State/as per available information, is indicated below:

State	Crop area affected
Haryana	5.78 lakh acres
Madhya Pradesh	1.74 lakh hectares
Punjab	2.15 lakh acres
Rajasthan	2.85 lakh hectares
Uttarakhand	1.54 lakh hectares
Uttar Pradesh	4.12 lakh hectares

(c) It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned to take necessary measures in the wake of natural calamities including hailstorm. There is ready availability of funds with the States under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) to take necessary measures. Additional assistance, over and above CRF, is considered from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF), if necessary, for natural calamities of severe nature, in accordance with an established procedure, on submission of a Memorandum for assistance from the NCCF by the State Government. The Government of Haryana had submitted a Memorandum seeking assistance from the NCCF,. in the wake of hailstorm. However, it was assessed that the requirements, as per existing norms, could be met from the funds available in the CRF and the State Government have been advised accordingly. No other State Government mentioned above have so far submitted and Memorandum for assistance from the NCCF in the wake of recent hailstorms.

Export and import of sugar

2732. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

.(a) whether it is a fact that Government have allowed conditional export of two million tonnes of sugar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the country is also importing sugar; and

(d) if so, the quantity being imported and sources thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The export of sugar is now freely allowed subject to the concerned sugar mill/exporter obtaining export release orders from the Directorate of Sugar.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Import of sugar is under Open General License subject to payment of prescribed custome duty. As per the data published by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Kolkata, a quantity of 990 MTs of sugar has been imported during the financial year 2006-07 (up to November, 2006) from the following countries:—

Sl. No.	Name of the country	Quantity in MTs
1.	Australia	452
2.	Singapore	215
3.	Germany	108
4.	Korea	154
5.	Others	61
	TOTAL:	990

Setting up of ADRC

2733. SHRI THENNALAG. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for setting up of new Agriculture Debt Relief Commission to protect the interests of farmers ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) There is no such proposal with the Government of India.

(b) Does not arise.